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Blue Mtn. College Receives \$75,000 From Mr. and Mrs. Loyd F. Garrett

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., April 29—President Lawrence T. Lowrey announced to the board of trustees and the student body today that Mr. and Mrs. Loyd F. Garrett of Corinth have donated \$75,000 to Blue Mountain College toward the erection of a fine arts building. Donations and pledges from three other friends ranging from \$3,500 to \$10,000 have increased the total to approximately \$100,000. The building will be called Garrett Hall, and work on it will begin in June.

Dudley H. White of Jackson and West Point has been employed as architect, and detailed plans and specifications are soon to be ready to be submitted for bids.

The building which will be one and one-half stories will be constructed on a knoll about 100 yards south of the central dining hall of the College. It will contain five music studios, classrooms, practice rooms, departmental library, a broadcasting room and a small auditorium with 300 opera chairs and a stage 24' by 44'. Some of the classes in dramatics and fine art will also be conducted in this building.

President Lowrey also announced that Miss Jeannie Stevens of Canton is giving a total of \$125,000 to the College, and work on the Jennie V. Stevens Residence Hall will also be started in June.

Commends UN Plan For Prayer Chamber

NEW YORK—(RNS)—An official of the Federal Council of Churches, Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, has commended United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie for his directive that a special chamber for prayer and meditation be set up in the new UN headquarters, now under construction in midtown Manhattan.

Noting that the Federal Council has staunchly supported the UN from its inception, Dr. Van Kirk wrote Mr. Lie that "it becomes increasingly clear, however, that the United Nations cannot fully achieve the ideals embodied in its Charter unless recourse is had to a power not its own."

"As Christians, we believe that the God of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the Sovereign Ruler of men and nations. Only as the member states of the United Nations are prepared to accommodate their policies to the higher laws of that divine order toward which the whole creation moves, can it be expected that our own and succeeding generations can be saved from the scourge of war."

THERE ARE NO AVERAGE SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

By PORTER ROUTH, Secretary
Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information, Baptist Sunday School Board.

A common occurrence in this objective and scientific age is to clutch for statistical straws to save us from the whirlpool of some certain destiny. We read from the press (both denominational and secular), and hear over the radio and from the pulpit such phrases as "the average U. S. Citizen," according to a recent survey," and other polemic cliches.

As one who deals in data from day to day, I would be the last to say that they did not have great value, but God forbid that Southern Baptists should ever seek to bind God in a statistical strait-jacket. And the mere fact that some number, or even some statement, is printed in a book does not make it sacrosanct. There is a difference between **THE BOOK** and a book.

The 1949 Southern Baptist Handbook will soon be released. Through the use of modern statistical machines, a great deal has been tabulated about Southern Baptist churches in the abstract.

This data will be of great value and ought to be studied carefully by many thoughtful Southern Baptists. But
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Buchanan Suggests Solution Of SB Convention Problem

DR. PARRISH TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR

Dr. James W. Parrish, pastor of First Church, Laurel, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour, Sunday afternoon, May 8, bringing the second of three consecutive messages. Dr. Parrish will be heard at 2:30 over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WLOX, Biloxi, WAPF, McComb; WJMB, Brookhaven, WNAG, Grenada.

Poll Shows Church Members Want Spiritual Subjects

By Religious New Service
MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The Rev. Myrus L. Knutson, 34-year-old pastor of Ascension Lutheran church here, no longer has to worry whether his sermons are "what the people want." He is preaching these days on exactly what they want—the subjects they chose in a poll several months ago.

The people, Mr. Knutson says, "want the church to be the church, rather than a place of cultural and contemporary enlightenment."

His 3,100 parishioners have expressed concern, in the poll, over such matters as faith, prayer, the soul and life after death.

"They don't want to hear about psy-
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(Editor's Note: As many know, the problem of hotels and size of the Southern Baptist Convention have become increasingly acute. Read this article and feel free to offer your own solution. Dr. Buchanan is a Mississippian and pastor of Southside Church, Birmingham, Alabama.)

By DR. JOHN H. BUCHANAN

With the expansion and growth of the Southern Baptist Convention both geographically and numerically, the Convention is faced with a very difficult and serious problem of finding a city within its borders which can provide adequate hotel and auditorium facilities to entertain the Convention.

There is tremendous value in having great throngs of our people attend the annual meeting of the Convention. The fellowship of the brethren and the inspiration and impetus such meetings give to our whole denominational program cannot be measured. It would be most unfortunate to deprive any Southern Baptist of that privilege. But because of the lack of facilities mentioned above, the Convention faces the problem of either limiting the number of messengers or revising its constitution. Is there a way in which we can keep the great inspirational value of the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention for the greatest number of our people in the face of our present difficulty?

If the Convention would revise its constitution to create the following pattern, a solution might be found.

First: Create an Administrative

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Hospital to Publish Honor Roll

Because of the widespread interest in the Mothers Day offering for the Baptist Hospital and in order that Mississippi Baptists may know the outcome of this appeal, hospital authorities have announced that an honor roll of all Mothers Day offerings will be published in the Baptist Record.

In view of the fact that some churches will not have a preaching service on that day and some treasurers may not send the funds until the last of the month, the honor roll will be published early in June, thus allowing every church ample time to send their offerings to Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, Miss.

Clarke College Commencement Speakers



Rev. George Gay, left, pastor at Ripley and Recording Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and W. Zach Huggins, right, superintendent of the Quitman schools, will be the speakers for the Clarke College graduation ceremonies on May 29 and June 2, respectively. The Rev. Mr. Gay will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Clarke College on Sunday, and Mr. Huggins will deliver the baccalaureate address in the college auditorium on Thursday.



BUCHANAN SUGGESTS

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Convention composed of a limited representation, in one of the following ways:

A. Since we have a few less than 1,000 District Associations, let each state be represented by one messenger for each District Association within its bounds, to be a member of an Administrative Convention.

B. Or let each cooperating state in the Southern Baptist Convention be represented by one messenger for every 10,000 church members within the given state. These messengers are to be nominated by the state groups and elected by the current session of the convention for the ensuing year.

Then let the amended constitution provide for two or more Regional Meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention, all business and the determining of policies to be delegated by these regional conventions to the Administrative Convention. The Regional Conventions will be for promotion, inspiration and fellowship. All business and fixing of policies and program to be delegated to the Administrative body, which shall fairly and equitably represent all states and sections of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Regional Conventions could not change the policies or programs adopted by the Administrative Convention. However, a Regional Convention could memorialize the Administrative Convention for a change of program or policy or the innovation of any new matter. Final authority in all matters would rest with the Administrative Convention.

The President elected by the Administrative Convention would become the President of all Regional Conventions. However, each Regional Convention would elect two vice-presidents and a Recording Secretary, who, by virtue of their office, would be members automatically of the Administrative Convention.

At the Regional Convention all Boards and Agencies would submit their reports and provide the same type of program as now obtains in the Southern Baptist Convention. Members of all Boards and Agencies may be nominated by Regional Conventions but elected by the Administrative Convention. All committees for each meeting of the Regional Convention to be nominated and elected by that convention.

It is recognized that this is a radical change in the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention. But it is a realistic approach to a serious problem that now confronts us.

A great democracy such as our Convention is compelled to delegate powers and responsibilities to function effectively. The messengers from the churches in Regional meetings will thus delegate to representatives chosen by them to be members of the Administrative body powers and authority.

This suggestion would have to be very carefully implemented, but to the writer it offers one solution to our problem which the Southern Baptist Convention might well explore.

JOHN H. BUCHANAN,
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Southside Baptist Church
Birmingham, Alabama.



REV. RILEY MUNDAY

Rev. Riley Munday, BSU Secretary for Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, is to lead a discussion on "The Youth Revival Preacher" at the first Youth Revival Clinic ever sponsored by the State BSU Department at the Baptist Building, Jackson, Saturday, May 7, beginning at 1 p. m.

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Providence Church To Hold Deacons' Clinic May 5 and 12

Providence church in Yazoo county is holding a Deacons' Clinic on Thursday nights, May 5 and 12 in the church auditorium according to the pastor, Rev. William L. Heath. The clinic will meet at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. Howard E. Spell, Head of the Bible Department at Mississippi College will conduct the clinic using the book, "Honoring the Deaconship" as the basis for the studies.

Pastor Heath urges that all pastors and deacons within reach of the church attend these two meetings. He also stated that the clinic would meet a great need among Baptist churches in counselling and instructing deacons in the duties of their important office.

STATE MEET AT SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Many Mississippians will attend the Southern Baptist Convention meeting soon in Oklahoma City. The following is important regarding the meeting of messengers from each state.

"Article 7 of the By-Laws of the Constitution states '(a) At the close of the afternoon session of the first day of the Convention the messengers from the states and the District of Columbia will assemble by states and name three persons from their state whose names shall be reported to the Secretary of the Convention. (b) These names shall be referred to the current Committee on Boards and Commissions. (c) This Committee shall select one name from each state from the three names referred to them, and present all names so selected to the Convention for election.'

These sessions are all held immediately following the afternoon sessions of the first day, and no rules are stated for the organization of the meeting. Since Kerfoot is recognized as the parliamentary authority for the Southern Baptist Convention, I suppose the rules for organization as suggested in his book on parliamentary law would obtain."

The following paragraph gives present S. B. C. Board members from our state.

"Taken from the May 27, 1948, issue of the Baptist Record, front page, Southern Baptist Convention report.

Mississippians On Boards

The following Mississippians were elected to the various boards and committees: Executive Committee, Dr. C. S. Henderson; Foreign Mission Board, Dr. W. A. Bell; Home Mission Board, Dr. L. E. Green; Sunday School Board, Dr. John W. Landrum; Relief and Annuity Board, Rev. Joe T. Odle; Southwestern Seminary, Don R. Baker; New Orleans Seminary, T. V. Sellers and Owen Cooper; Southern Baptist Hospital, Dr. Frank M. Purser; Education Commission, Dr. L. T. Lowrey; Social Service Commission, Rev. Ed. L. Byrd; Radio Commission, Dr. Claud B. Bowen; Historical Society, Dr. J. L. Boyd; Brotherhood, Harry Smallwood; to investigate Oregon partition, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins; Baptist papers, Dr. A. L. Goodrich; Committee on Church Organization, Melvin Roberts and Dr. Norman W. Cox; Committee on Other Fields of Theological Education, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins; Committee on Boards, Rev. John E. Barnes."

S. E. Pastors' Conference To Meet At Laurel May 9

The Southeast Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet in the First Church, Laurel at ten o'clock, May 9 according to an announcement by the secretary, Rev. J. M. Foy.

During the morning session the conference will be led in a devotional by Rev. W. L. Yeatman and hear reports from the pastors, an address on "The Preacher's Preparation for a Revival" by Rev. B. S. Hilbun, special music by Rev. J. T. Renfro and a sermon by Rev. J. B. Stewart.

At the afternoon session there will be a business session and Dr. J. W. Parrish will lead a Bible Study period.

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S. W. Ministers' Conference To Meet At Natchez May 8

The Southwest Baptists Ministers' Conference will meet at the First Church, Natchez, Dr. W. A. Sullivan, pastor, on Monday, May 8. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a. m. This conference is composed of Baptist ministers of seven Southwest Mississippi counties.

The program chairman, Dr. Wyatt R. Hunter has arranged a program that will include a devotional by Rev. Melvin T. Wilson, addresses on "Ethical Preaching" and "City Missions" by Rev. W. W. Tipton and Rev. Martin Sanders. Dr. W. A. Sullivan will give an exposition of chapters 4, 5 and 6 of the book of Ephesians. After business and reports of committees there will be a sermon by Rev. J. A. Bryant.

The meeting will close with a fellowship dinner.

Rev. Robert Hughes is president and Rev. Fred B. Bookter is secretary.

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MISS MARY KATE LOWREY, Clarksdale, a junior at Blue Mountain College, won one of the awards in the formal essay division at the Southern Literary Festival held at the University of Mississippi last week. Her winning essay was "The Darker Side."

THERE ARE NO AVERAGE

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God does not deal in the abstract. Through Christ Jesus, God reveals himself to men. Today, through the Holy Spirit, He can become vital in the life of any individual.

There are no average Southern Baptists in the eyes of God. For each baptism, there should have been a real vital experience of conversion; not a mere falling into a pattern somewhere along the normal curve.

We say the average Southern Baptists gave \$24.12 for all causes through his church last year. Such is not the case, for thousands of people listed on Southern Baptist church rolls gave nothing—they never entered a church during the year. Others gave their tithe—and more than their tithe—and they gave themselves.

We say it required twenty Southern Baptists one year to win one person to Christ. This is statistical nonsense. The probability is that eighteen of the twenty never even invited anyone to church, and made no conscious effort to win an individual to Christ. It is a testimony to the power of God that so many are won by so few.

Records have their greatest value when they point up weaknesses, and measure strength. But, to paraphrase Dr. Toynbee, "Southern Baptists are not compelled to submit the riddle of our fate to statistics." There are no average Southern Baptists.

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POLL SHOWS CHURCH

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chology, economics and war," he declared. "They are eager and hungry for spiritual affirmation."

A similar result was found when he polled the young people of the church a year ago. He gave the young folks a choice of topics "ranging from 'how to develop your personality' on up." The spiritual subjects came first in their selection.

"This confirms a suspicion I have had for a long time," Mr. Knutson said. "Because we have been preaching on fundamental matters of faith, as found in the Apostles' Creed, we've had a record church attendance. It's been like Easter Sunday ever since before Christmas."

"Ninety-six per cent chose the profound subjects of doctrine," Mr. Knutson reported. "In the space offered for further suggestions and comment, several wrote that they came to church to know God better and where they stood with Him, not for psychological techniques or 'keep smiling' moral talks."

Listing their first five choices, the members named these subjects: "How to Pray;" "What Happens to the Soul after Death;" "The Second Coming of Christ and Judgment Day;" "What is the Meaning of Our Faith" and "Marriage and Divorce."

Little interest was shown in "The Way to Perfection;" "The Meaning of Human Sin" or "How Free am I?" "Moderation or Abstinence" drew some attention while "What is Sinful" did not get a vote.

—BR—

LINN CHURCH IN SUNFLOWER County, held a study course April 10-15, with 63 enrolled.

DR. GEORGE W. SADLER HAS BEEN named acting president of the new Baptist Theological Seminary to open in Zurich, Switzerland. The seminary will serve many European countries.

Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says:

"Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

Jesus said, "I will build my church," Matthew 16:18.

"A good thing to remember, and a better thing to do, is work with the construction gang, and not the wrecking crew."

I
Honorable men do not use dishonorable methods!

II
**VICTORY PEAKS
IN MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST LIFE
WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS!**

- 1.—Placed and kept a first emphasis upon evangelism and the practices of soul winning.
- 2.—An average of 12,900 baptisms in comparison with 10,600 for the preceding ten years.
- 3.—An all-time record in the number of baptisms last year; 15,242 as against the low figure 9,776 in the preceding period.
- 4.—Paid all debts, called Education Commission Bonds ahead of time to the saving of \$300,000 interest.
- 5.—Saved an additional \$50,000 in overhead debt-paying campaign expenses.
- 6.—Turned a \$107,055.28 Baptist Record loss from 1925-1941 to a 1942-1948 \$90,877.08 profit.
- 7.—Purchased wonderful property strategically located for the lovely Baptist Building at a cost of \$110,000.
- 8.—A greatly improved bookkeeping system and that under great difficulties.
- 9.—Added Baptist Record Bookkeeping system set-up for auditing.
- 10.—Purchased truck for all Convention Board hauling including Baptist Record.
- 11.—All institutions paid debts saving large monies in interest.
- 12.—All institutions increased endowments, and/or, equipment and/or buildings.
- 13.—For nine years experienced the greatest fellowship and unity of spirit in our history.
- 14.—Experienced real Spiritual Democracy, believing that everybody is somebody, that every church is a great church, that all people possible should be helped in all the ways possible, at all times possible!
- 15.—State Mission Departments increased from four to twelve.
- 16.—Mississippi Baptist Hour (Radio Program).
- 17.—An unparalleled tract ministry.
- 18.—For the first time helped as many as 90 church building situations within one year.
- 19.—Inaugurated the Retirement Plan.
- 20.—Made the Evangelistic Conference our outstanding and most helpful conference.
- 21.—Started helping the races as Indians, Chinese and Negroes.
- 22.—Daily Prayer Meeting for staff begun in office of Executive Secretary.
- 23.—State Mission budget went from \$37,500 to \$228,670.
- 24.—Contributions through the Cooperative Program went from \$103,920.72 to \$226,190.28.
- 25.—Contributions to all missions, benevolences, and Christian education went from \$202,692.45 to an all time high of \$1,810,615.56.
- 26.—Contributions for grand total gifts including local church and missions went from \$1,508,439.95 to \$7,388,343.

III
One of our most treasured heritages is our spiritual democracy. We have seen it and felt it and loved it in about as pure state as it ever gets to be on this earth.

I. A practical meaning to us is that "everybody is somebody." The most obscure and humble have their portions and the most conspicuous have theirs.

Yes! Everybody is somebody! The right to serve and share! The right to voice and vote! The right to love and live! We have seen that in operation here and now in our day and generation!

II. Another practical meaning is to help all people in all places at all times in every way possible! That is the greatest joy in life! Of course, you will occasionally help an undeserving person! Of course, they will accuse you of being extravagant. Judas said Mary was wasteful as she anointed Jesus. Some have said our Convention Board and Executive Committee were extravagant as they helped churches large and small everywhere. Maybe an occasional mistake was made. They tried. Their critics would have made more mistakes! Their critics have made more serious mistakes.

There are those who would rob us of this priceless heritage—our spiritual democracy.

So far as we know within 33 years of preaching we have in our midst for the first time a little clique endeavoring to take over the radio, the Baptist Record, membership on Boards both state and southwide, Convention sermons, etc. We proved some of this before the Convention Board last November. We can prove more! Nor was our proof disputed!

Maybe Mississippi Baptists want a dictatorship or an oligarchy rather than spiritual democracy where everybody is somebody. If they do they should have it! Even God lets people have the bad when they so choose it. If they want sin and Hell God lets them have them. Romans 1:24,26,28. "God gave them up to a reprobate mind, vile affections and uncleanness." II Thessalonians 2:11. Matthew 25:46. Psalm 9:17. Psalm 106:15.

We do not think Mississippi Baptists want that! We shall see!

Typical of our spiritual democracy has been the election of Convention officers through the years. Only recently have we heard talk that a little clique is selecting them years ahead of time.

Typical of our spiritual democracy has been the naming of our Executive Committee. Serving on the various nominating committees who have these years brought in recommendations for this Executive Committee are such men as: F. M. Purser, J. M. Walker, W. A. Hewitt, J. D. Franks, J. R. G. Hewlett, J. F. Brock, J. B. Quin, Joseph Flowers, J. N. McMillin, H. L. Martin, J. A. Stewart, G. E. Wiley, W. R. Cooper, J. B. Parker, R. D. Pearson, D. W. Moulder, G. O. Parker, J. D. Ray, L. R. Polk, R. R. Morris, David Cranford, Madison Flowers, C. Z. Holland, E. L. Byrd, G. C. Hodge, J. E. Barnes, Jr., S. P. Powell, R. E. Gardner, W. L. Green, W. D. Cole, F. V. McFarridge, E. D. Hurst, Leon Macon, H. H. Aultman, J. D. Thompson, S. C. Moulder, Jas. L. Sullivan, H. W. Roberson, Joe T. Odle, W. L. Meadows, Phil J. Walker, Wayne Alliston, H. A. Scott, J. B. Middleton, Virgil Ratcliff, R. C. Holcomb, Kermit Canterbury, E. J. Caswell, Fred B. Moseley, F. K. Horton, J. H. Cothen, Marion Perry, and H. D. Jordan.

Now ask them if anybody played politics or exerted pressure in the naming of said committee members.

Again look at the list of men serving these years on the Executive Committee: John D. Davis, J. D. Ray, E. D. Pearson, E. D. Hurst, Walton, E. Lee, T. M. Fleming, I. D. Eavenson, M. P. L. Love, George P. White, S. B. Cooper, W. A. Hewitt, G. C. Hodge, Mark Lowry, J. B. Parker, W. W. Kyzar, J. L. Sullivan, George H. Gay, G. O. Parker, Fred B. Bookter, H. H. Aultman, Fred B. Moseley, W. L. Meadows, Wayne Alliston, H. A. Scott, C. W. Thompson, F. K.

Horton, and M. D. Morton. There are no finer men in our midst. They are representative in location, size of church served, mind, and Christ men!

Read the four chapters of Colossians. We are to be one in Christ, united in the church, knit together in love, etc.

IV
Despite a day of bad weather we had a good all day service at Macedonia with Pastor Martin V. McKinstler and his people. Brother McKinstler is one of our fine and spiritual pastors. The people were responsive. There was one for baptism.

At the invitation of Gulf Coast pastors we went down to look over some properties in which they were interested for special purposes. We have a fine group of pastors on the coast.

On Thursday we were in the Marion Association at Columbia in their first spring meeting. Brother O. O. Davis was bringing a fine message as we entered the building. We are indebted to Pastor H. D. Jordan for transportation purposes. We doubt if there is a finer or more united group of pastors in the state than those of this association.

V
Rev. George W. Griffin, Rural Church Consultant, writes that plenty of rooms in homes will be available at \$1.50 per day at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, Oklahoma City.

VI
"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's." Exodus 20:17. We still believe the first fruit on the tree of sin to be covetousness. Some say it is liquor. We do not think so. Some say it is lust. We do not think so. What caused Adam and Eve to disobey God in Genesis 3? It was not liquor nor a thousand things other than covetousness. Covetousness caused Achan to steal the wedge of gold bringing defeat to the people of God and death to himself! Covetousness caused Saul to deliberately disobey God about the total destruction of the spoils of war. It cost him his kingdom. Covetousness caused David to sin against a soldier in his army and a home in his country. It cost him his baby. Covetousness caused Absalom to steal the love of the ten tribes and rebel against his own father. It cost him his life. Covetousness caused Annanias and Sapphira to lie to God about an offering for His work. They both dropped dead. Covetousness caused Judas Iscariot to sell Jesus—the whitest life this earth ever saw—for thirty pieces of silver. In the words of God's Book here is what it cost him: "Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? See thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me." Matthew 27:3-10.

"Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is

DR. CHAS. McKAY ACCEPTS PASCAGOULA PASTORATE



CHARLES McKAY

Dr. Charles L. McKay, who has served since August, 1945, as pastor of the Toulminville Church in Mobile, has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Pascagoula. He succeeds Dr. L. E. Green, who resigned to accept the pastorate at Prentiss.

Dr. McKay, a Mississippian, is a graduate of Mississippi College and received the Th.D. from the New Orleans Seminary. He served as pastor of Van Winkle Church in Jackson; then Temple Church, Ruston, Louisiana, just preceding his Toulminville pastorate.

During his four years at Toulminville, there were 500 additions to the church. A total of \$144,142 was given in tithes and offerings. A \$27,000 block of land was purchased and a \$175,000 educational building has been erected.

BR
BERLIN—(RNS)—THE PROTESTANT hospital of Knights of St. John at Juterbog, in the Soviet occupation zone, has been ordered confiscated by Russian authorities, it was learned here. The institution was conducted by deaconesses of the Evangelical Church in Germany. Evangelical authorities denounced the Soviet action as "a nefarious attack against church institutions and a clear case of robbery."

to say, The field of blood." Acts 1:18-19.

Covetousness always costs—heavily! Covetousness caused the Pharisees and Sadducees to plot the death of Jesus! It cost their children and children's children persecution through the centuries. In Galatians, chapters 5-6 we are told we reap what we sow. If we sow strife, hate, and such like that is what we will reap!

Covetousness caused Alexander the Great to fight his way to the back wall of life in crushing other peoples. He died in a drunken brawl.

Covetousness caused Caesar to subdue the peoples of the earth. He died at the hand of a "friend." Judas Iscariot said "friend" as he kissed Jesus in betrayal.

Covetousness caused Hitler to walk across the nations of Europe all the while shouting he was helping people. Reminds us of a few Baptists—if they are. He died incognito—a disgrace to history!

God says, "Thou shalt not covet." The Word of God shouts, "Thou shalt not covet."

Preventives: Regeneration, dedication, soul winning, tithes and offerings, worship God, etc.

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Mother

From a sermon entitled, "A
Message for Mother's Day," by Dr.
W. L. Caldwell, we quote the fol-
lowing paragraph:

"May we pause to pay honor
to her who, after Jesus Christ,
is God's best gift to man—Mother.
It was she who shared her life
with us when yet our members
were unformed. Into the valley of
the shadow she walked that we
might have the light of life. In her
arms was the garner of our food,
and the soft couch of our re-
sponse. There we nestled in the
hour of pain, there was the play-
ground of our infant being. Those
arms later became our refuge and
strong-hold. It was she who taught
our baby feet to go and lifted us
over the rough places. Her blessed
hands plied the needle by day and
by night to make the little gar-
ments we should wear. She put
the book under our arm and
started us off for school. But, best
of all, she taught our baby lips to
lisp the name of Jesus and told us
the wonderful story of a Sav-
iour's love."

If Mother still lives to bless your
life, how fortunate you are! With
a grateful heart you should be hap-
py at the privilege of ministering to
her life. If close by, do not fail to
plant a kiss of grateful love on her
precious lips. If many miles separ-
ate you, send her a real old-fash-
ioned love letter full of those ex-
pressions dear to a mother's heart.

Should she have gone to be with
her Lord, wear a white flower in
memory of her who meant so
much to you; and as you pin that
flower to your lapel, rededicate
yourself to the kind of living that
Mother would have you live; and
determine that under all circum-
stances, your life shall be one that
honors, respects, and reveres that
good Mother of yours.

Fortunate is that child whose
mother was a good, Christian
woman. God pity the child born
into this world with a mother
whose ideals are low and whose

days are filled with foolish living.

Amidst every crisis, temptation,
and hardship, remember that
Mother never gives up or deserts.
Others may grow weary and sink
into despair, but Mother loves on
and prays and hopes.

—BR—

Some Problems For The SBC Convention

The Southern Baptist Con-
vention is soon to meet in Oklahoma
City, Oklahoma, and it is time
for Southern Baptists to begin to
think about some of the problems
that will come before the Con-
vention.

We have no desire to try to dic-
tate to Southern Baptists but we
do feel that it is our duty to call
attention to some important mat-
ters that will come before the
SBC.

Although many Baptists will be
unable to attend the Convention
they should think about the prob-
lems that will come before it and
indicate to the messengers of the
church their opinions about these
problems.

Members of the Convention
look forward eagerly to reports
of three special committees: The
Theological Education Survey
Committee headed by Dr. John
H. Buchanan; The Committee on
Church Organizations headed by
Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins and The
Committee to Report on Admis-
sion of Washington and Oregon
Churches headed by Dr. C. C.
Warren.

(Editor's Note: Two of these
three committees have Mississip-
pians as chairmen. They are Dr.
Buchanan and Dr. Dobbins.)

The Theological Survey Com-
mittee will recommend two new
seminaries, one in the East and
one in the West. Their report
states that our present seminaries
are overcrowded, undermanned
and inadequately equipped. They
also call attention to the distances
from many of our states to any
of the existing seminaries.

A brief report of the Commit-
tee on Church Organizations was
published in our last issue. It
should be read with care. Al-
though the committee has worked
long and hard, it still has some
unanswered questions. Just as
each crowd thinks her young ones
are the blackets, so do some of
our organizations think that their
books and courses are best. But
pastors all over the South are
clamoring for less duplication.

Another matter that has re-
ceived considerable attention in
the Southern and Northern Bap-
tist Press is the petition of Wash-
ington and Oregon churches for
admission to the Southern Bap-
tist Convention. The committee.

headed by Dr. C. C. Warren will
recommend that they be admitted.
Evidently one of the determining
factors was the fact that Kansas
churches were admitted last year.

Some are asking how far we
can go in this practice of admit-
ting isolated and distant groups.

Dr. Louie D. Newton is also
chairman of a committee to study
the whole matter of receiving new
state constituencies.

The problem of size will cause
much discussion, both on and off
the Convention floor. As incomes
have risen and the number of
Baptists increased, it has become
almost impossible to find a city
in the territory of the Southern
Baptist Convention that can take
care of the meeting. This matter
is discussed in this issue by Dr.
John H. Buchanan. Read his arti-
cle on page one.

With 27,000 churches, if each
church sent only one messenger,
the attendance would be more
than 13,000. Many churches have
several Southwide officials not
counting just "everyday laymen."

One good suggestion has been
made—that only messengers be
seated on the main floor of the
convention hall and that visitors
be restricted to the galleries and
any vacant space not used by mes-
sengers.

There is also the problem of a
Western Assembly. It seems that
the committee cannot agree on
any one place for an assembly in
the West. Just as in Mississippi,
everybody wants the highway to
go by his house, so each seems to
think that their location is best.

—BR—

MIDWAY COMPLETES ANNEX Holds 1st Services April 24

Midway Church in Lauderdale
County has just completed a two-
story annex, constructed at the rear
of the church, which provides seven
additional Sunday School class rooms
and an auditorium. The first services
were held in the new auditorium on
April 24.

Butane heaters have been installed
in each room, and such equipment
as maps, chairs, tables, nursery and
kitchen equipment have been fur-
nished.

Rev. L. T. Dyess has been pastor
about four and one-half years. Early
in his pastorate four new Sunday
School rooms were added to the main
building. Last year a bus was pur-
chased, which has meant much in
bringing people to the services who
might not otherwise have had the
privilege and blessing.

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WACO, TEXAS, MAY 2.—(P)—PRESI-
dent W. R. White of Baylor University
announced today the employment of C.
E. Bryant to direct press relations at
the school. Bryant is now publicity di-
rector of the Southern Baptist Con-
vention.

THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRE-
ciates a nice list of subscriptions from
Ocean Springs Church, sent in by Mrs.
D. G. McBride.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE May 1, 1949

Gulfport, First	699	125
Pascagoula, First	528	192
East Moss Point	216	76
Brookhaven First	1458	405
East McComb	463	163
Rawls Springs (Forrest County)	132	77
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	94	91
New Zion (Copolah County)	84	53
Columbus, First	874	232
Delay		37
Kosciusko, First	526	201
Pearlhaven	213	105
M. Zion (Lincoln County)	104	75
Holly Springs	41	
Glenfield, (Union County)	26	46
Hattiesburg, Main Street	951	185
Providence, (Forrest County)	143	72
Siwel	174	149
Summit, First	184	67
East Fork	100	45
Meridian, First	680	
Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue	561	113
Meridian, Highland	525	115
Meridian, Southside	404	149
Meridian, Eight Avenue	371	52
Meridian, 41st Avenue	310	50
Meridian, Poplar Springs	257	56
Meridian, Oakland Heights	143	49
Meridian, Oak Grove	126	40
Meridian, Key Field Mission	54	
Goss	107	78
Center	64	60
Jackson, Calvary	1330	278
Jackson, Van Winkle	475	271
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	295	138
Jackson, Emmanuel	109	64
Jackson, Parkway	757	260
Parkway Chapel	135	46
Jackson, Northside	527	174
Laurel, First	641	120
West Laurel	451	75
New Albany, First	403	202
Crystal Springs	638	176
Laurel, Second Avenue	409	44
Elaine	132	100
Byram (Hinds County)	130	106

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Mt. Olive Has Youth Week

Youth week was observed in Mount
Olive church April 3-10. The older
people were greatly inspired by the
seriousness with which the young
people undertook their tasks.

The following were elected by the
church to serve during Youth Week:
Pastor, Mack King; chairman of dea-
cons, Fred Yates, Jr.; Sunday school
superintendent, John Allen Flynt; Train-
ing Union director, Rachel Robinson;
choir directors, Bob Gardner and Thom-
as Flynt; W. M. S. president, Frances
Rogers; assistants to W. M. S. president,
Martha Lewis and Barbara King.

Deacons: Fred Yates, Jr., chairman,
Garnsey Flynt, Jack Tew, Eugene Polk,
Bobbie Dickson, Jack King, Carol R.
Polk, Billy Rutland, Faye Robertson,
Marion Rogers, Billy Benton, Archie
Stroud, John A. Flynt, Carlos Price.

Ushers, Alfred Robertson, Don King,
Billy Knight, Lowrey White, Carol Polk,
Willard Curtis, James Curtis, Bobby
Dickson, James Myers, Delton Rutland,
Jack King, Fritz Clark.

Pianists, Joan McDaniel and Dixie
Polk.

Adult department superintendent,
Mack Gardner; teachers, Thomas Flynt,
Fred Yates, Jr., Lavelle Williamson,
Ival King, Dixie Polk.

Young peoples department superin-
tendent, Archie Stroud; teachers, Car-
los Price and Mary King.

Intermediate department: superinten-
dent, Betty King and pianist, Eleanor
Carr.

Junior department: superintendent,
Doris Batte.

Primary department: superintendent,
Gladys Rogers.

Mrs. J. T. Holloway is Training Union
director and was assisted by a com-
mittee composed of Mesdames T. E.
Gardner, E. D. Miller and Alex Flynt.

GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

UNION, PEARL RIVER COUNTY, CHANGES

Heretofore Union Church has been having a nice list of paid in advance individual subscriptions but have now changed to the monthly payment plan.

Church treasurer John S. Rester recently sent a list of 42.

Pearl River County Record readers are no wlisted as follows: Bethel 68; Carriere 81; Goodyear 75; Harmony 1; Juniper Grove 81; Napoleon 31; New Henly Field 40; New Palestine 54; Nicholson 2; Olive Church 22; Pica-yune, First 272; Pine Grove 75; Popu-larville, First 149; Roseland Park 35; Union 42; White Sand 15; West Popu-larville 15; Crane Creek 1; Oak Hill 50; Ford's Creek 17; Steep Hollow 49; Santa Rosa (Hancock) 24.

BEACON STREET IS NUMBER 950

Rev. Kenneth Hall, who went from Neshoba County to Attala County on April 1 as Associational Missionary believes in work—until the very last minute. On the last Sunday of his work in Neshoba county he led the Beacon Street Church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record.

And that was not all. Three people joined the Beacon Street Church on the last Sunday of the pastorate of Mr. Hall. He arranged to baptize them on Monday night before moving to Kosciusko on Tuesday.

Baptist Record readers in Neshoba County are now listed as follows: Antioch, 1; Bethsaida, 6; Black Jack, 24; Bluff Springs, 1; Coldwater, 42; Crossroad, 1; Deemer, 3; Dixon, 27; Emmanuel, 22; Hope, 38; Laurel Hill, 12; Linwood, 46; Neshoba, 45; New Harmony, 29; New Hope, 44; Oak Grove, 23; Philadelphia, First 284; Salem, 44; Sardis, 25; Spring Creek, 47; High Hill, 45; Beacon Street, 40.

OMA IS BACK

Once a church has tried the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY plan, they do not want to do without it. Sometimes for various reasons a church drops it, but in most cases they soon come back.

This is true of Oma Church. Several months ago because of local circumstances it was necessary to drop the EVERY FAMILY plan for a few months. But Oma church has now come back on the EVERY FAMILY list and Oma Baptists are going to keep up with Baptist affairs at home and abroad.

Record readers in Lawrence County are now listed as follows: Antioch, 37; Bethel, 34; Bismarck, 25; Carmel, 65; Crooked Creek, 61; Jaycees, 50; Monticello, 102; New Hebron, 86; New Hope, 55; New Zion, 1; Nola, 17; Oak-vale, 35; Old Silver Creek, 46; Providence, 30; Saul's Valley, 18; Shiloh, 53; Silver Creek, Calvary, 103; Topeka, 21; Wanilla, 58; Oma, 16.

—BR—

RUSSELL WARE, WACO, TEXAS, has been chosen to head the Theological Fellowship of Southwestern Seminary for 1949-50. Leon Marsh, Auburn, Alabama, will be president of the Religious Education Club, and D. J. Blaylock, Henryetta, Oklahoma, will serve as president of the Zimrah Music Club.



SYBIL DEWEESE

Miss Sybil Deweese, of Philadelphia, who is graduating at Southwestern Seminary this week, is to lead a discussion on "The Youth Revival Girl Worker" at the Youth Revival Clinic, Saturday afternoon, May 7, at the Baptist Building, Jackson.



GLENN MERRILL

Having led the singing in many Youth Revivals, Mr. Glenn Merrill, of Meridian and Mississippi College, is to lead a discussion on "The Youth Revival Song Leader" at the Youth Revival Clinic to be held at the Baptist Building the afternoon of May 7.

BROKEN THINGS (\$1.50) BY DR. M. R. De Haan and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is a book particularly written for all who suffer. There is one powerful controlling theme throughout the tenderly-written chapters which show from Scripture the ministry of suffering in the Christian life; that is the glory of God. The volume shows how the broken things in life can become new in Him. Orders should be sent to the publisher.

—BR—

March 12, 1949

THE BAPTIST RECORD BAPTIST BUILDING, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

The Warrington Baptist Church and pastor are greatly indebted to Mississippi Baptists for the services of Dr. McCall during our recent Stewardship series. He was here March 6-9, and stirred our hearts with his messages on Stewardship of Time, Talents, Means, and Opportunity, and so on.

We have definitely decided to do something about our sorely needed new Church Building. We are launching a tithing campaign that shall be a blessing to our people and the Cause of Christ around the world. Dr. McCall helped to open our eyes to the great Missionary needs and challenged our people to do something about it, and we have accepted the challenge and are doing something about it NOW.

The visible results other than the decisions made relative to being more faithful to the church and its program are seven professions of faith and five additions by letter.

Truly Mississippi Baptists are fortunate to have Dr. McCall as their Secretary. His whole life and thoughts seem to us is dedicated to Mississippi Baptists and the cause of Christ. His love for his State and Brethren is unlimited. We appreciate him for that devotion to his task and Lord.

May the Lord's choice blessings be upon Mississippi Baptists and the Baptist Record. You are doing a good work in giving your people information of the King's Business that is truly an inspiration to the Brethren.

I am,

Yours in Christ,
E. Y. SOILEAU

To Baptists East and West

By B. O. Herring, President,
Golden Gate Seminary

The report of the committee on theological education has been placed into the hands of our leaders. It has been commented upon in various ways by various editors. As the reader of the California Memorial at the St. Louis Convention two years ago, and as president of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, I could wish that I might have a complete copy of the report. Two items seem to merit friendly comment.

Since I was not one of the founders of this seminary, you will please allow me to come to the defense of those who were, and avow that they do not deserve and so should not be compelled to bear the ordinary implication of the term "certain well-meaning brethren." Then, too, no data is furnished in the report to substantiate the view that it would be better to start a new seminary rather than to adopt one already established. Shades of Carroll and Scarborough!

GOD'S CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

1. THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM DOLLAR IS MAJESTIC IN SIGNIFICANCE. It signifies that Mississippi Baptists believe in (1) soul-winning; (2) sending the Gospel to all people on earth; (3) providing hospitals for healing the sick, and homes for sheltering orphan children; (4) Christian education, etc.

2. THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM IS GOD AT WORK THROUGH MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS.

3. THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM DOLLAR IS DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

55% to Statewide Causes	\$ 550
Christian Education—22%	\$ 220
Mississippi College	7.04c
Blue Mountain College	5.94c
Miss. Woman's College	4.62c
Clarke Memorial College	4.40c
State Missions—23%	.230
Baptist Hospital—1%	.010
Ministerial Education—2%	.020
Orphanage—5%	.050
Baptist Foundation—3-4%	.0075
Radio—1 1-4%	.0125
	\$.550
45% to Southwide and Worldwide Causes	\$.45
Foreign Missions—50%	.2250
Home Missions—17.5%	.07875
Southern Seminary—4.5%	.02025
Southwestern Seminary—4.5%	.02025
New Orleans Seminary—4.5%	.02025
American Baptist Seminary—2%	.009
W. M. U. Training School—1%	.0045
Relief and Annuity Board—13%	.0585
Southern Baptist Hospital—0.1%	.00045
Radio—1.9%	.00855
Baptist Brotherhood—1%	.0045
	.4500
Total	\$1.00

The above division of the Co-operative Program Dollar was recommended to the Convention Board by the Budget and Allocations Committee, composed of H. H. Aultman, M. D. Morton, G. O. Parker, B. T. Bishop and C. C. Weaver. The Convention Board by unanimous vote approved the division.

One of the most thrilling chapters in missions is being written by a vast majority of Mississippi Baptist churches supporting the Co-operative Program. A small percentage of our churches has not made a contribution to the cause of Christ through the Co-operative Program this year. This is being written with an earnest appeal to every church to "Come over into Macedonia, and help us," by making an offering through the Co-operative Program. A list of all churches, with the amount given by each church, is published twice a year in the Baptist Record. This year let us make it 100% of the churches. The published list makes it possible for the Bookkeeping Department to check and double-check its records.

An effort has been made to send every pastor Co-operative Program envelopes for the churches. If your church does not have them in time for the special offering in June, please write the Convention Board, Baptist Building, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi. SEND ALL MONIES TO THE CONVENTION BOARD, BAPTIST BUILDING, BOX 530, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM IS SCRIPTURAL. KEEP MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS TREKKING FOR CHRIST THROUGH THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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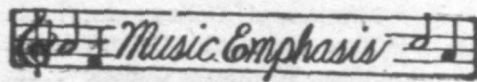
First Greenwood Has
Installation Service

"Send the Light," was the theme of a very impressive installation service held recently by the Junior Department of First Church, Greenwood. The service was opened by a word of welcome from the department director, singing of the hymn, "Wonderful Words of Life," Scripture reading (Psalm 122:1) and prayer. The "light" or message, with which each officer was charged to carry, especially to his church and community, as well as the whole world was symbolized in a lighthouse, with rays in beautiful colored ribbons extending to small ships, representing the officers being installed. Each Junior wore a badge, on which was the name of his office, and a corsage in the appropriate flower and color for that office. The different colored ribbons and flowers represented qualities necessary to performing the duties of his particular office as Christ would have it done. As the commission was given to the officers by the director, they came forward and placed the ships in the lighthouse, receiving written duties wrapped in paper tied with ribbon in the matching color. After the officers in each union were installed, it was called to their attention that not all could be great central lights like Christ, but each can have a part in spreading this light by keeping the light of his office burning. The group then sang "Ready," each person renewing his allegiance to Christ, realizing that no organization can be better than its members. Mrs. J. C. Williams, Jr., 335 West Monroe Street, Greenwood is the department director, and she is tireless in her efforts to lead the Juniors to pray, study, and give, as they train themselves for more efficient service. She, along with her fine leaders and sponsors, is doing a splendid work.

Missionary Leaders Write For Help

It is always a good sign when a leader seeks help. Recently we have had several requests from Missionary Leaders for help in their new found duties. We do not have much to offer but are always glad to help

when we can. After all the work of missions is the heart of our religious life, and therefore the Missionary Committee in a union should be leading all the members in a program of practical missionary activity. The Missionary Leader of course has a committee of two or three, but all the members of the union should have part in the overall mission.



First Steps Toward Associational Singing

On June 26 the Copiah County Baptist Music Association is cooperating with the State Music Section of the State Training Union Department in putting on a program of hymn singing at Hazlehurst, Miss. The State Department is asking a number of people from various sections of the state to attend the program at Hazlehurst for the purpose of observing the program with a possible view of setting up similar associational programs in every association in the state.

The Copiah County Baptist Music Association will put on a normal program, representative of the type programs they have in their regular monthly meetings. The visitors will be there to observe, to make notes about the program, not to criticize, but to study the program. A meeting of all those visitors and any who are interested will be held, after the regular program is over, for the purpose of discussing the possibilities of a wide spread program of this type.

Several things about this program has been observed: The pastors attend in large numbers, the regular church hymnal is used, each church has a chance to present some special music from soloist to choir numbers, church leaders have a chance to lead some singing, large male choruses sing, womens choruses sing, and plenty of congregational singing is on the program. Certainly, this program is promoting the Motto: "Let All the People Sing."

THE REASON THERE ARE SO MANY sermonettes by so many preacherettes is that there are so many prayerettes by so many Christianettes.

Department of Temperance Activities

W. L. HOLCOMB, Director
Box 530 --- Phone 3-9106 --- Jackson
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BEER TAX

The advocates of the legal sale of beer in Mississippi are leading some of our people to believe that old age pension, homestead exemption, and progress in our public school situation, depend on tax from beer sales. This is not true. The sale of beverage alcohol in any form has never been a paying proposition, and what little tax comes from this source goes in with all other taxes. Don't be conceived by their propaganda.

The following is a release from the Social Service Commission.

WHY NOT DRINK PUBLIC SEWAGE

The next time you are talking with a beer drinker you might mention these facts from page 43, column 3 of The Brewer's Digest, March, 1949. "From the sanitary engineer's viewpoint:

1. Brewery wastes are, in general, ten to twelve times as strong as typical municipal sanitary sewage. The waste resulting from the production of one barrel of beer requires, on an average, the same capacity of sanitary sewage treatment facilities as are normally planned to serve from 18 to 20 persons."

Who said it? The authors are Milo F. Ohr, sanitary engineer and S. H. Gallmeir, brewery engineer whose article entitled, "Abatement of Water Pollution and The Brewery," appears in the publication cited above.

For myself I'd rather not drink anything from which the waste is 10 to 12 times as strong as public sewage and if I were forced to take my choice I believe I'd take sewage! Urp! What about you?

HAVE YOU EVER KNOWN

A man to lose his job because he drank too little?

A doctor to advise his patients, "Your chances would be better if you had been a drinker?"

An employer seeking a man for a responsible place to say, "Give me a drinker every time?"

A wife to exclaim, "My husband would be the best man in the world if he would drink more."

A husband to say his wife would be a better mother to the children if she spent more time at the cocktail bar?

A defendant in a court to seek acquittal with a plea, "If I had been drunk I never would have done it?"

An insurance company to offer reduced premiums on drinkers?

The value of a business or home to rise when a tavern is opened next door?

A community that listed its tavern beer parlors and road-houses among its advertising assets?

A chief of police who advocated more liquor-selling places as a means of reducing crime?

IF NOT, WHY DRINK?—
Copied.

Summers Elected Director Of School of Theology

Fort Worth, Texas—Dr. Ray Summers, Professor of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary, was elected Director of the School of Theology at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees. This is a new administrative office created by the Board. The designation "Director" will make for uniformity of title with references to each of the Seminary's three schools.

Dr. Summers is a graduate of Baylor University and received the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Southwestern Seminary in 1938.

Dr. W. W. Barnes, who has served for a number of years as Chairman of the Theological Faculty, is surrendering his responsibilities in this regard that he may give himself more fully to his work as Research Professor of Baptist History.

Missionaries In China Safe

Missionaries in China are safe and they anticipate no personal harm according to a telegram received from Dr. M. Thron Rankin, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. He also stated that he had no notice of any missionaries who plan to leave Shanghai.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Secretary for the Orient is in Shanghai and in close touch with developing conditions. Dr. Cauthen has been authorized by the Foreign Mission Board to take any action that he and the missionaries may think necessary.

Sunflower B.T.U. To Meet May 12

The Mississippi Baptist Training Union Staff will be in our Association for a "D" (Demonstration) Day program May 12, 1949 at 6 p. m. This meeting will be held in the Indianola Baptist Church, according to an announcement by J. L. Jenkins, Association Director.

Every member of every Union, Story Hour though Adult, is urged to attend this "D" Day program. Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches.

I know that you will want to meet Jerry, the "Wise Cracker" of the party. Let us have a large attendance for the State Workers at the Indianola Baptist Church, 6 p. m., May 12.

Baptists Purchase Plane For Brazil Work

RICHMOND, Va.—(RNS)—A Baptist missionary plane soon will be in service in North Brazil, Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., secretary for Latin America, told the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its annual meeting here.

"With no railroad or highway communications in the interior of Brazil, this mode of transportation will multiply a missionary's influence 100 per cent or more," he said.

The plane was purchased with money given by Southern Baptist women in a special Christmas offering. A Brazilian Air Force veteran has been employed as pilot.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. F. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

GOING TO RIDGECREST?

Are you going to Ridgcrest for the first Sunday School Week, June 23-29?

If you are, and if you do not have a way to go, a large, 37-passenger Greyhound bus is going from Jackson, leaving early on the morning of June 22.

The round trip transportation is \$20. There are yet several open spaces on that bus. First come, first served. Write us at once if you want a place on it.

NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS

Never in all our days have we seen and heard of so many new church buildings going up all over the state. These are from the small rural churches to the large city ones.

While in Pontotoc Association in March in a county campaign we learned that the following churches have either recently completed buildings, or are now in the process of building, or will start soon:

Bellevue, Cherry Creek, Harmony, Liberty, Oakhill, Randolph, Schooner Chapel, Shady Grove, Thaxton, Toxish, West Heights, New Hope. Also, Ecu and Zion have completed beautiful pastors' homes.

And while in Calhoun Association in April in a similar campaign, we learned the same thing of these churches: Antioch, Banner, Bethany, Big Creek, Calvary, Calhoun City Second, Duncan Hill, Macedonia, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Comfort, New Hope, New Liberty, Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove, Poplar Springs, Rocky Mount, Sabougla, Sarepta, Sherman, Vardaman, and Victory.

And these are not the one-room buildings as before. More space has been added and that means both bigger schools and better schools. We must have adequate space and it properly furnished to do the best work.

CALHOUN CAMPAIGN

The week of April 11-14 was the time of the enlargement campaign in Calhoun association with 16 churches cooperating.

Missionary Carmon Savell had made excellent preparation, and all workers were on hand and did a good job. Pastors, superintendents, and others, cooperated beautifully to make it a great week.

Thursday afternoon in the Bruce church an association-wide Vacation Bible school clinic was held that was one of the very best. Plans are in the making for the greatest year ever in that work.

Our thanks to all for an excellent week that will result in much good to many people.

NEW RECORDS!

J. N. Barnette

Recently reported—157 bushels of corn on one acre!

How? Well-prepared soil, good seed, proper fertilizer, frequent cultivation, regular irrigation, tender care of every stalk—all back of the 157 bushels of corn on one acre.

One hundred and sixty-eight ad-

ditions upon profession of faith on one Sunday!

How? Two hundred and fifty new Sunday school workers enlisted in a period of two years; 3,311 visits made each month for eighteen months; Sunday school attendance increased from 970 to 1,700 in two years; 400 workers in regular training over a two-year period; Bible study every week; two worship services each Sunday morning—all back of the 168 additions.

One plants, another waters. God gives the increase. Jesus always blesses his followers with abundance when they launch out into the depths of service and do the work the way Jesus has commanded. (See Matt. 9:36-38.)

In one church, two classes for married young people, ages 17-24, organized in October, 1948, now have forty people enrolled with at least twenty-five children in the Nursery and Beginner groups.

A report shows a net enrollment gain of 254 in one church since October. A net increase of 600,000 this year will add to the soul-winning opportunities, strengthen the churches, fortify many homes, and extend the mission work. Will your church have a major part in the 600,000 enrollment effort?

Will you immediately begin to do what Jesus told us to do as recorded in Matthew 9:36-38? Of course, you do not have room or teachers. The church that this morning reported a net gain of 254 since October 1, or an average net gain of over 10 a Sunday, did not have room or teachers, but they found both. This church planted and watered, and God gave the increase. It has always been true. It is true today. It will always be true.

Will 26,000 superintendents and 22,000 pastors obey God now?

—BR—

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

May 9—Sunbeam Focus Week; Rev. John Dearing, Gulf Coast, Convention Board member.

May 10—Miss Frances Browning, Clarke College faculty; Mrs. I. E. Rouse, Hattiesburg, Chairman of District VII, WMU.

May 11—Charles D. Shields, President, District VI, Brotherhood; Dr. W. S. Hardin, Chairman of District II, Woman's College Campaign.

May 12—Miss Clara Ette Berry, Assistant Dean of Students, Blue Mountain College; W. B. Gresham, Benton Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

May 13—Prof. Norman O'Neal, Mississippi College faculty; Rev. J. B. Parker, Institutional Workers, Baptist Convention Board.

May 14—L. E. Cliburn, Neshoba Associational Training Union Director; Dr. Ira D. Eavenson, Marks, Woman's College trustee.

May 15—Annual meeting of Southern W. M. U., Oklahoma City.

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THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY Board has sold its building in Dallas, Texas, to the Republic National Bank. Plans are being studied by the Board and the Texas Baptist Convention to build a new building on a less expensive location.

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THE RETREAT

We believe the LORD was magnified, not anybody or anything else, at the Retreat. We believe He was magnified in the Prayer and Meditation periods, in the Devotionals, during the Supper Friday night, in the Song Services, in the Seminars, in the Special Music, in the principal messages, in our fellowship together. If that be true, the Retreat was an outstanding success.

Unofficial registration was 242, much the largest registration of the four Retreats we've known about. The free-will offering for Norma Jean John and Laura Thompson, of Blue Mountain, and Gwendolyn Compere, of Mississippi College, our Three Summer Missionaries amounted to \$81.46 bringing the total, at this writing, to \$239.81.

Every message was, we believe, spiritually helpful, and we hesitate to mention one in particular; but because of its pertinent importance, we hope and pray that those of us who heard it will never forget Wayne Todd's message on "Lost Students Are Lost" and that we shall seek out and witness to the lost on our campuses, well-dressed, clean-cut and cultured though they be. As Brother Todd, speaking on the authority

of God's Word, said they are lost just as much as anyone else who has not accepted Christ as his Saviour.

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Nothing is more untrue than that secular education can save us. Only one thing is worse than a devil and that is an educated devil.—Geo. A. Buttrick. Do you see the possibilities of BSU in this connection? ... Pray for it, publicize it, attend it if you can. What's that? Youth Revival Night at the Southern Baptist Convention, Oklahoma City, May 21 ... 65 unsaved reported from Jones, Jr., one from Miss. College ... Youth Revivals being scheduled are steadily increasing in number ... Many of us were unusually delighted to have four students from Jackson College with us Saturday afternoon of Retreat ... Laura Thompson wires, after being selected as Summer Missionary: "Am joyfully and humbly awaiting this work." ... Chester Swor, Owen Cooper and family, Jackson; Mrs. Sadie Tiller Crawley, Blue Mountain; Anne Clark, MSCW; Miss. State's banquet, Kat Jewell, formerly of Blue Mt., now of Nashville, make the May Baptist Student ...

STEEN'S CREEK FLORENCE, HAS \$65,000 BUILDING



Shown above at the first service in the Florence Church are, left to right: Seated, W. J. Waller, Brotherhood President; Dr. R. G. Gunter; L. C. Hoff, Pastor; Rev. Jim Steen, and Rev. Dan McLeod. Choir, first row: Miss Martha Ann Courtney, Misses Taylor, Hollingsworth, Alliston, Mary Ann Whitfield; Mrs. Joe R. Taylor; Misses Betty Therrell, Margaret Alliston, Willie Mae Hendrick, Fay Stuckey, Rita May, and Miss Mullican. Second row: Mr. J. W. Eaves, Mrs. Hurst Webb, W. O. Dear, Ira Stuckey, Cincy Compere, Henry Steen, Billy Weatherby, Joe D. Laird, Mrs. Nettie Compere, Mrs. Golden, Amelia Whitfield.

DEER CREEK ASSOC. RA HAS FATHER-SON BANQUET

The Deer Creek Associational Royal Ambassadors met on April 19 in the new Educational Building at Greenville for a Father and Son Banquet. There were 125 present.

The program was arranged by the Associational R. A. Leader, Harold Douglas. R. J. Kounce was Toastmaster, Dr. E. D. Elliott led the invocation, and Rev. M. E. Perry led in the inspiration. Mrs. Gala Paxton brought words of welcome to the group. The Associational Young People's Leader, Mrs. Charles Dean and the State R. A. Leader, Walter Bisbee, addressed the group, after which Billy Fondren rendered special music. Lawson Cook, Southwide Brotherhood Secretary, brought the main address. Rev. C. A. Molpus pronounced the benediction.

Steen's Creek Church held its first service in its new auditorium on April 17. The building, which will be valued at \$65,000, is completely finished on the inside, but the outside is still being worked on and the art glass windows are yet to be put in.

Dr. R. B. Gunther, who was pastor when the building program was begun and who was instrumental in raising quite a bit of the fund, was recognized at this first meeting in the building. The Brotherhood presented a Baldwin Electronic Organ to the church and it was dedicated to the service of the Lord. There was a record attendance in Sunday School of 212, and four professions of faith were made at this first meeting.

Eleven were baptized at the evening service and the church also observed the Lord's Supper.

In addition to this new church building an \$8,000 parsonage has been built since last July. Rev. L. C. Hoff is the pastor.

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

1949 CAMPING SEASON OPENS SOON AT CAMP GARAYWA

May 24 is the opening date for the camping season at Camp Garaywa, Clinton, Miss. Fourteen one-week camps will be held, under the direction of the W. M. U. Department of the state. These are MISSIONARY camps, planned to include wholesome recreation, Christian fellowship, organizational methods, study and worship periods, missionary inspiration, and definite decisions for Christ. The following information is given in order that all who are interested may have access to the facts:

DATES

Girls' Auxiliary Camps

(Junior camps, ages 9 through 12.)
May 24-28 Any in state whose school is out
May 30-June 4 Districts 2 and 3
August 8-13 Districts 1 and 5
August 15-20 Districts 6 and 8
August 22-27 Districts 4 and 7
(Intermediate camps, ages 13 through 15.)
July 18-23 Districts 5 through 8
July 25-30 Districts 1 through 4

Royal Ambassador Camps

(Junior camps, ages 9 through 12.)
June 6-11 Districts 2 and 7
June 20-25 Districts 1 and 4
June 27-July 2 Districts 8 and 3
July 4-9 Districts 5 and 6
(Intermediate camp, ages 13 and up.)
June 13-18 All state camp

Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp

(Ages 16 through 24.)
August 1-6 All state camp
Woman's Missionary Society Camp
July 12-16 All state camp

PRICES

All Junior Camps.....\$ 9.00
All Int. Camps.....\$11.00
Y. W. A. and W. M. S.....\$11.00
(Registration fee and Mission Study Book are included in this price.)

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

FOR G. A.'s AND R. A.'s

(1) Any boy or girl who has never attended camp must be at least a PAGE in R. A. Ranks or a MAIDEN in G. A. Forward Steps. (If for any reason this cannot be fully met, write to the Young People's Secretary or R. A. Secretary for further information.)

(2) Any boy who has attended camp as a Page, Squire, or Knight must pass an additional Rank before returning; any girl who has attended camp as Maiden, Lady-in-Waiting, or Princess must pass an additional Step before returning. An AMBASSADOR or above and a QUEEN or above are urged to pass an additional Rank or Step, but are not required to in order to return to camp.

The above requirements will be STRICTLY ADHERED TO for all G. A.'s and R. A.'s. Full cooperation of Counselors and parents is greatly appreciated.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Specific information is being mailed to Counselors in charge of each group. Application blanks will be mailed in ample time for each group. Health Certificates will be sent to these making application for the young people's camps; these are to be filled out by a doctor and

BROUGHT to camp with the camper.

If it is possible for the regular Counselor to come along with her groups, she will be welcomed and provided for at the same price as the camper. However, it is not essential that each group be accompanied by a Counselor. Provision is made at camp for a Counselor in each cabin, and every possible care is taken to make camp SAFE, COMFORTABLE, and PLEASANT for all who attend.

Should there be further questions about camp, write to the director in charge of that camp: Royal Ambassador camps, Walter Bisbee; Girls' camps, Nell Taylor; W. M. S. camp, Edwina Robinson.

Those who plan for and direct camps seek the prayers and interests of each of you throughout the state, to the end that 1949 camps will truly portray CHRIST and MISSIONS.

NELL TAYLOR,
Young People's Secretary

NEW PROSPECT ADDS 7 IN YOUTH WEEK REVIVAL

The New Prospect Church, Lincoln County, began their annual Youth Week Program on April 17. At the morning service the regular teachers and officers turned over their positions to the Intermediate and Young People's classes for one week.

Rev. F. L. Coker, pastor, preached at the morning service and the Youth pastor at the evening worship.

During the evenings of the following week, a youth revival was conducted by Rev. Marvin Sanders, pastor of Hamilton Street and Central Chapels and also the Associate pastor of the First Church of Brookhaven.

During the entire week there were six souls saved, one new member by letter and twenty three rededications.

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Lauderdale Conference Meets

Eighteen pastors were present at the meeting of the Lauderdale Ministers Association which met April 18 at the Poplar Springs Drive Church in Meridian. Rev. A. H. Miller led in the devotional.

Rev. A. E. Mason, Rev. Paul G. Horner and Rev. E. L. Byrd gave addresses on our Associational Mission Program, The Baptismal Service or How I Perform It, and The First Three Signs, respectively.

Among the visitors were Rev. Bryan Simmons, who presented the Baptist Hospital needs; Rev. Martin J. Gilbert and Rev. Cecil Roberson, Missionary to Nigeria who gave some glimpses of work there.

L. T. Dyess is president of the Conference.

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HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock, May 8, 1949.

Speaker—Dr. J. D. Grey.

Heard in Mississippi over radio stations WJMB, Brookhaven; WFOR, Hattiesburg; WSLI, Jackson; WAML, Laurel; WTOK, Meridian; and over WAZF, Yazoo City at 8:30.



Shown above are Blue Mountain College alumnae now enrolled in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. Left to right, back row: Sybil Deweese, Philadelphia; Polly Howard, Starkville; Grace Bishop, Vernon, Ala. Front row: Corrine Griffin, Laurel; Dorothy Russell Murphree, Pittsboro; Margaret Wilson, Starkville; and Dorothy Gilbert Hicks, Meridian.

Rachel Sims Mission To Have Open House DEDICATES BLDG. MAY 10

Rachel Sims Mission, oldest of the River Front Missions in New Orleans, will hold open house in its new home on Sunday, May 8, from two until five o'clock in the afternoon. A quiet service of dedication will follow at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening.

The new building, made possible largely through the gifts of Women's Missionary Union, replaces the dwellings used for mission work since its beginning in 1919 and occupies the same site at 729 Second Street.

Of modern brick construction, the two-story building provides rooms for all the mission activities and living quarters for eight missionaries.

Rachel Sims Mission with Toledano Mission and Bowen Center constitute the River Front Missions owned and operated by Southern Baptists through the Home Mission Board. Miss Gladys Keith is completing her fourteenth year as director of the work.

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E. L. Byrd Leads Pine Bluff Revival

By REV. A. B. PIERCE

It was the privilege of the First Baptist Church of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, A. B. Pierce, pastor, to have as its guest preacher in a revival meeting Reverend E. L. Byrd, Pastor of the Highland Baptist Church, Meridian, Mississippi. Brother Byrd did some of the best preaching we have heard in a long time. The meeting was well attended and the people were loud in their praise of the clear and positive way he presented the truth of God's word. It was a joy for me to have this fellowship with him and our people appreciated him very much.

The singer for the meeting was Reverend Bob McMillian, Pastor of the Baptist Church at Judsonia, Arkansas. Brother McMillian is a splendid soloist and one of the best congregational leaders we have ever had to work with us in a meeting.

Visible results were 14 additions by letter and I baptized 30 following the meeting.

Zion Hill Has Youth Week

Beginning the fourth Sunday in March and continuing through the first Sunday in April, the Zion Hill Church, Lebanon Association, observed Youth Week. On the first Sunday morning, Lawrence Young, Youth Week Pastor, brought a challenging message on the subject, "A Wonderful Young Man Lost." On Wednesday night, the young people held the first service in the new Zion Hill building. One hundred and six people attended this midweek prayer service. On Friday night, April 1, Rev. Newell Massey, Carroll Freeman, and William Lowrey Compere, Jr., began a series of evangelistic services as a climax to Youth Week. On Saturday afternoon a social for the Young People was held. There were 8 professions of faith, four additions by letter, and 8 rededications. These workers were invited to return next year for a full week of services.

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Four Associational Clerks Given Superior Rating

Four Mississippians were rated superior in the 1948 Better Minutes Contest sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board. They are: Miss Elizabeth Park, Meridian (Lauderdale Association); V. J. Estes, Plantersville (Lee County); Walton E. Lee, Como (Panola County); and T. T. Gooch, Oakland (Yalobusha County).

Mrs. G. D. Williams, Brookhaven, clerk of the Lincoln Association, was rated excellent, and the following were graded as good: Rev. H. M. Collins, Chickasaw County; Mrs. Henry Willis, Grenada County; Ira L. Hudson, Lafayette County, and Rev. F. V. McFarridge, Tate County.

In announcing the awards, Porter Routh, Secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Sunday School Board, stated that many other minutes were very fine but the clerks were not able to submit them for the contest because of printing and other difficulties.

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MISS WILLENE COKER, BLUE Springs, who will graduate from Blue Mountain College in May, will serve as educational secretary of the West Laurel Baptist Church, Laurel, after her graduation.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson for May 8. JESUS CLASHES WITH THE RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES. Mark 11:27-12:44. (Please read the whole passage now.)

I. The Question of Authority

Not long before, the Lord had further provoked the hatred of the priestly officials by driving for a second time the money changers and traffickers in animals designed for sacrifice out of the temple. So "as He was walking in the temple, there came to Him the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. And they said unto Him, 'By what authority doest thou these things? Or who gave thee this authority to do these things?'"

They meant by their question, "Who authorized you to teach. You have never been ordained a rabbi. Who authorized you to go about driving our servants, the money changers and sellers of animals and doves designed for sacrifice, out of the temple? Those who are charged with the care of the temple have placed the money changers and sellers of birds and animals here in the temple for the convenience of the worshippers. Who gave you authority to interfere with the existing arrangement?"

For answer, Jesus hanged them on both horns of a dilemma. "The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men?" To answer this question either way would have empaled them on one of the horns. "If we say, 'It was from men,' the mob might stone us for denying that John was a prophet; if we say, 'It was from heaven,' we shall condemn ourselves for not having believed John's testimony which he bore to this very man, Jesus. Wherefore we shall be forced to say, 'We do not know.'"

II. The Mean Tenants. Mark 12:1-12.
1. The planter of the vineyard (God).
2. The vineyard (the Land of Israel).
3. The tenant farmers (The Children of Israel).
4. The servants of the planter (The Prophets).
5. The son of the planter (The Lord Jesus).
6. The fate of the tenant farmers (the Jews) to have their national life blotted out, their temple destroyed, their remaining glory dissipated.

III. Word-Traps Set for Jesus.

The Herodians set the first. They did it with the crude, unlikely story of the woman who had seven husbands; and, by it, they meant to demonstrate the utter folly of the doctrine of immortality, on the subject of which they accounted themselves very learned and full of understanding. The Lord charged them with ignorance both of the scriptures and of the power of God. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob died with their faces turned to the future in search and expectation of the fulfillment of unfulfilled promises made by Him who will not lie, therefore, there must be the after life in which God shall make good His promises to His chosen servants.

In heaven they neither marry nor are given in marriage. This does not mean that there is no heaven, but that sex distinctions are blotted out, that there shall be an equality there, but the relations of husband and wife will not be there maintained. Thousands of men who had wives, thousands of women who had husbands, will be there, and they will be fully happy where there is equality among all ranks of the blessed.

IV. Primacy Among The Commandments

"One of the Scribes, one of them, a lawyer," asked Him a question: "What commandment is the first of all?" "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" We are told that the Jews of the time of our Lord had built

JOHNSTON RESIGNS AT DAVIS MEMORIAL CHURCH Four Lots Purchased For New Church Site; \$70,000 Accrued



ALBERT JOHNSTON

Rev. Albert Sidney Johnston, pastor of the Davis Memorial Church in Jackson, has resigned his post, effective July 1.

The Rev. Mr. Johnston has served in this pastorate for eleven years, during which time there have been 1391 additions to the church. There are now 500 enrolled in the Sunday School, in addition to 150 enrolled in the Orphanage Sunday School, which is a part of the church program. Five class rooms were added during his pastorate, using all the available space on the church lot.

Recent emphasis has been given to a new church building. Four lots, with a 196 foot frontage, have been purchased, and the plans for the building have been completed. Also, \$70,000, including an \$8,000 grant of the Convention Board, has been put aside for the construction of the new edifice.

upon the foundation of the Law of Moses a superstructure of 613 commandments. Of these 355, or corresponding to the number of days in the year, were prohibitions while 228 corresponding to their enumeration of the parts of the body were positive. The question the lawyer asked of the Lord concerned the nature of a commandment which gave it primacy among the whole number. Our Lord's answer was such a commandment as:

1. Recognizes the unity of God and commands the Israelitish people to observe it.

2. Such a command again as engages the entire (a) heart, or the affectional nature, (b) the soul, or the entire spiritual nature, (c) the mind, or the entire intellect, (d) the strength, or the combined powers of the personality. In such a love of God there would be found love for nothing else in the world. This commandment would make all the life sacred and blot out any line of distinction between the secular and the sacred. In the thought of Jesus there never was any such line. His carpenter's trade was his father's business and so for him all things were sacred and all labor Holy.

If what I have been saying is true, then Elizabeth Barrett Browning is right, and "Earth's crowned with heaven, and every common bush aflame with God." No creature moves with aimless feet, no shower falls but in His purpose. No life shall be accounted useless or cast as rubbish to the void. The hairs of your head are all numbered and the work of your hands does matter. Give God the place this commandment demands and the work of your hands will help to build the temple of the Almighty in the vast house of God.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

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The Journal Is Necessary

We are more convinced than ever that our Brotherhoods should not try to operate without the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal. The mortality rate of Brotherhoods in Mississippi have been extremely low, but it is noticeable that the organizations that cease to function, in most instances, are the ones that did not use the Journal for program material. We do not know of any Sunday Schools or Training Unions that try to get by without Quarterlies. It is just as essential for the men of the Brotherhood to receive the Journal as it is for the same men to receive the literature for the other organizations. Our feeling about the matter is that most programs should be rendered by the men themselves and that the Journal should be used as a basis for the programs. It is fine to have an "outside" speaker occasionally, but obviously, the men who should be developing are not given a chance when guest speakers are used exclusively.

The program material in the current issue of the Journal is unusually fine. The topics discussed are: "All Aboard for Oklahoma City," "The Church Covenant," "The Deity of Christ," "What Is Separation Anyway?" "The National Problem of Religious Education," "Making Your Home Christian," "Young Man—Go West!", "Commercial Missionaries," "Another Christian General in Chi-

na," "Enlisting Men in My Church," "He Is Risen," "With Christ in Business," and "Soul-Winning."

The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal should be ordered from the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, Commerce Title Building, Memphis 3, Tennessee.

New Brotherhoods For April

It is our happy privilege to report seven new Brotherhoods to our Southwide Office for April. They are: Cartersville Church, Lebanon Association, Rev. W. L. Yeatman, pastor, Mr. Owen L. Hulsey, president, Mr. H. C. Shows, secretary; Cross Road Church, Oktibbeha County, Rev. W. E. Butler, pastor, Mr. Huron Gardner, president, Mr. Leon Gardner, secretary; Ellison Ridge Church, Winston County, Rev. L. G. Camp, Jr., pastor; Freedom Church, Jones County, Rev. R. T. Liles, pastor, Mr. Jack Gough, president; Ruth Church, Lincoln County, Rev. R. C. Johnson, pastor, Mr. T. H. Maxwell, president; First Church, Shelby, Bolivar County, Dr. W. E. Prout, pastor, Mr. Jack Denton, President, Dr. H. J. Gazelle, secretary; and Zion Hill Church, Lebanon Association, (reorganized), Rev. Loyd Shelton, pastor.

Note: Some of the above Brotherhoods were not necessarily organized in April, but we are reporting them for the first time. A total of twenty-two Brotherhoods have been organized in 1949.

DR. M. E. DODD REPORTED SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

PANAMA CITY, Fla.—Slight improvement was noted today in the condition of Dr. M. E. Dodd, Southern Baptist leader who suffered a heart attack here.

Dr. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Shreveport, La., was found helpless in his hotel room yesterday afternoon. He was brought to Panama City hospital and placed under an oxygen tent.

The Baptist leader was conducting a revival at Panama City when he suffered the attack. He had preached at a morning service.

His wife and son-in-law, Dr. C. H. Webb of Shreveport, flew to his bedside. Mrs. Dodd said doctors reported her husband is "a very sick man," but has shown some improvement today.

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ONE GOOD BROTHER DECIDED TO be the Good Samaritan and let the Hospital be the INN by sending a check for \$25 in response to the Mississippi Baptist Mothers Day Appeal. Others are manifesting a similar spirit. "Go and do thou likewise."

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275 To Graduate At Mississippi College; Is School's Largest Class

Two hundred and seventy-five candidates for graduation are listed for graduation at Mississippi College, the largest class in the history of the institution. Commencement dates are May 29 and 30.

Dr. W. A. Sullivan, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Natchez, and President of the College Board of Trustees, an Alumnus of the College of the class of 1917, is to preach the commencement sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, May 29. This will be followed at the night service by a sacred concert by the College Band and Choral Choir.

The Baccalaureate address is to be delivered by Dr. J. Benjamin Lawrence, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Board of Atlanta, at ten o'clock in the morning of the 30th in the auditorium of the recently completed Nelson Administration Building. This will be the first graduation in the new auditorium and will mark the 123rd annual commencement of Mississippi College. Dr. Lawrence will be celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation, since he is an Alumnus of the College of the Class of 1899. The 275 candidates for degrees are listed below:

Candidates for the B. A. degree are: Thomas Benjamin Adair, Clinton; James Edward Addleton, Newton; Cecil Herbert Avery, Newton; Joel D. Aycock, Drew; Hyrran Euvene Barefoot, Louin; Joe Roy Baker, Newton; Selby Fryant Barnes, Jackson; Martha Beatrice Bates, Baldwin; Helen Frances Bibb, Drew; Jack Leggett Bilbe, Clara; Edward Leonard Blake, Pocahontas; Mack Bomer, Missouri; Jerelyn Everett Booth, Jackson; Joseph Hillhouse Bowden, Jr., Gulfport; David Allen Brabham, New Orleans, La.; Roy Shelby Brigrance, Gloster; Myles Mayo Brown, Jr., Jackson; Marshall Raymond Burleson, Raymond; George Arden Canzoneri, Lebanon Junction, Kentucky; Mary McCaffery Carlock, Clinton; Wayne Panky Carpenter, Dunn; James Vardaman Carr, Jr., Clinton; Dan Carolyn Cartledge, Winona; Aubrey Harold Chambers, Jackson; James Edward Clark, Carthage; James Avery Clarke, Decatur; Emmett Wayne Coleman, Louisville; Melba Lee Collier, Pelahatchie; James Edward Coney, Jackson; Joe Marders Cooper, Oakland; Wilma Stinson Cooper, Oakland.

Claude Lee Cothren, Holmesville; Mary Gardner Cullom, McComb; Virgil David Davis, Crystal Springs; Marion Francis Dearing, Newton; Judson Gynn DeFoore, Siden; Lester Odell DeWease, Noxapater; Eleanor Ann East, Brookhaven; William Franklin Evans, Union; Kathryn Roberta Farrell, Holly Bluff; Mary Catherine Fletcher, Kosciusko; Patricia Ann Fullilove, Vaiden; Lanore Bufkin Fulton, Gulfport; Joseph Thomas Giambrone, Bolton; Amelia Giannetta, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dorothy Smith Gilbert, Clinton; James Pascal Gilbert, Arcola; Eris Jean Ginn, New Orleans, La.; Edger Thomas Glover, Poplarville; Virgie Lee Burnham Goodson, Ellisville; Betty Lee Gordon, Clinton; Doris Ruth Granberry, Taylorsville; Willie Cleon Graves, Crystal Springs; Howard Robinson Green, Crystal Springs; Katherine Fairley Green, Leaf; Evans Gremilhon, Jackson; James Elvis Griffith, Monticello; Andrew Elzear Hamilton, Port Gibson; Henry Hamilton Hancock, Monticello; Richmond Alfred Hancock, Jackson; Cecil Wendell Hannaford, Jackson; Barbara Ann Given Haray, Ripley, Tenn.; Terry Bryan Hatchett, Glasgow, Kentucky; Gloria Ann Haynie, Gretna, La.; William Lang Hearn, Lau-

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RODDIN TWINS LEAD IN RIVER AVENUE REVIVAL



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There Is An Urgent Need Now By MRS. A. L. GOODRICH

How many times have we heard that there is an urgent need for help in the past few months?

Sometimes we almost get discouraged when we think of the various and urgent needs. But when we seek to find the reasons for it we, in many instances, are made to rejoice that there are needs. For instance, many churches are in dire need of an educational building because the attendance of the Sunday School and Training Union demands more room.

There is a need and a call for Christians to contribute to our Christian colleges because of the continual

Whatley, Louisville; John Purser White, McComb; Ethel Dean Wright, Jackson; Chestley Charles Snell, Jackson.

Candidates for the B. S. degree are: William Moses Ashley, Hazlehurst; Russell Hardy Bellew, Memphis, Tenn.; Percy Augustus Bennett, Jr., Vaiden; Eugene Walter Berg, Jackson; Perrin Lewis Berry, Jr., Brandon; James Delbert Booth, West Point; Marion Atley Boykin, Morton; John Purser Buckley, Jr., Jackson; Harlan Duane Burke, Raymond; James Herbert Campbell, Jackson; Laurina Jo Duggan, Greenwood; Benjamin Franklin Ellzey, Kokoma; Felix Marion Ferrell, Utica; Leslie Ethel Goodwin, Hardy; John William Head, Ruleville; Lucien Redding Hodges, Wesson; Robert Wayne Howell, Jr., Jackson; Bobbie Gene Hundley, Vicksburg.

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April 17-24 Rev. Roy Roddin, assistant pastor at Bouie Street Church, did the preaching in a revival in the new River Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, and Rev. Ray Roddin, assistant pastor at Irene Chapel, also in Hattiesburg, led a Junior choir and rendered cornet solos. Mr. and Mrs. George Maddox had charge of the congregational singing.

There were eight additions to the church, four for baptism, and ten rededications.

Roy and Ray, twin ministerial students at Mississippi Southern, are talented musicians, and have been chosen to serve on the Ridgecrest staff this summer.

The church dedicated its newly finished \$20,000 brick building on April 10. The dedication message was brought by the pastor, Rev. Garland McInnis.

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WILLIAM MUNDAY OF MEMPHIS led the singing and Rev. J. H. Kyzar of Greenwood did the preaching in the Spring Revival of the Lyon Church, March 20. There were 25 additions to the church during the week, 13 by letter. **PASTOR, ASK YOUR PEOPLE TO** join with you in forming a Good Samaritan Club by making an offering to the Mothers Day Fund, all of which will be used for benevolent work at the Baptist Hospital.

increase in the enrollment.

One of the most recent and most urgent needs comes from Minnie Landrum, Coixa 320, Rio de Janeiro, who has in addition to her many duties for the past year supervised the building of a Training School for girls in Brazil.

She writes that several thousand dollars are sorely needed at once in order to meet some bills that are due.

A splendid business-man was recently asked this question, "If you had money to invest during these uncertain times, where would you place it?" The man replied, "I would invest it in the lives of Christian girls and boys."

Not too many of us are financially able to send several thousand dollars to meet these urgent needs, but each one of us can give cheerfully and joyfully of what we have, and we can pray that God will multiply our gifts and also ask Him to put it into the hearts of the people, who are able, to give in order that some of the needs may be met.

If we believe our Bible we know God will supply our every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

All Monies For ...

Missions, Christian Education, Benevolence, Relief, and Institutions should be chaneled through the office of the Convention Board. Play the game according to the rules. Let the churches of our Lord get the testimony. All monies are correctly handled through the Convention Board office. See that your money is correctly handled.

Sparks & Splinters

THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST MOTHERS DAY Appeal is to secure funds to help the needy sufferers who appeal to our Hospital for relief. The Hospital does an average of \$5,000 worth of free work each month; but the goal of the Mothers Day Appeal is for only \$15,000 for the whole year. Help reach that goal and win the commendation of Jesus, "I was sick and ye visited me."

THE BOOK PASTORS HAVE BEEN anxiously waiting for—"The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism," (\$1). Dr. C. E. Matthews, director of Evangelism under the Home Mission Board, is the editor, but the manuscript was thoroughly studied by the general secretaries of evangelism in all the Southern States. The most important feature of the book is the emphasis it gives to Associational Simultaneous Revivals. The type of organization and the plan of promotion and publicity are outlined and explained in detail. Those who will be participating in Associational Simultaneous Revivals would do well to secure this book at once and master it thoroughly. It would be well for the Monthly Workers Conference program to be built around the contents of this book. This book is practical in its teachings as it gives detailed plans for evangelism in the local church, the association, the state, and throughout the entire Southern Baptist Convention. Any pastor and church who follows the suggested plans of the book cannot help but experience larger results in evangelism. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

MISSISSIPPI LOSES ANOTHER good pastor in the going of Rev. Thomas S. Messer to Louisiana. He has resigned the pastorate of the 28th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg and accepted the First Church, New Iberia, effective May 1.

A LOVE OFFERING WAS MADE BY the Brotherhood and W. M. U. of Linn Church in Sunflower County, and presented to Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Askew, who, with their young son Jerry, were visiting in the community enroute to the West Coast, where they will sail for Japan early in June.

MRS. H. A. GAY, SR., MR. AND Mrs. Fairley Gay, Deacon and Mrs. Howard Gay, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gay, recently presented a beautiful, new Gulbransen Studio Piano to the Zion Hill Baptist Church, Forrest county. This piano was presented in loving memory of H. A. Gay, Sr.; A. C. Gay; W. J. Pack, father, grandfather, and great grandfather respectively of the Gay Brothers. All three of these served as Deacons in the Zion Hill Church. A dedication service will be held at a later date.

I HAVE JUST CONCLUDED A GREAT Stewardship Revival with the Central Baptist Church at Monroe, Louisiana, Rev. C. Roger Johnson, pastor. The attendance was good from the beginning and the spirit was all one could wish. We had our Demonstration Day Easter Sunday morning. The visiting preacher had set a goal of \$1,099.99 for tithes and offerings. Normally, they were receiving approximately \$500 per Sunday. We had \$1,561.24 in receipts during the day and 205 tithers.—B. C. LAND.

DR. S. E. CRANFALL, FORMERLY of Mississippi College was the speaker at the Annual Mississippi Banquet of the Southern Seminary students.

THE NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI Baptist Pastors' Conference meets at Batesville, Mississippi, May 10.—JOS-EPH W. OLIVER, Secretary.

DR. M. E. DODD CELEBRATED HIS 37th year as Pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, on Sunday, April 3, 1949.

THE FACULTY CLUB OF MISSISSIPPI College, Clinton, presented a formal banquet in the Creole Room of Le-Fleur's on Friday night April 29. Professor Henry A. Carlock is president of the Faculty Club and Mrs. P. I. Lipsey is Program chairman. Mr. Charles Tolbert, student secretary of the College was program chairman for this particular affair. Dr. A. H. Germany was Master of Ceremonies and several selections of music, prose, and poetry were presented. Miss Martha Nell Burckhalter presented dinner music on the piano and accompanied several of the selections. Light and humorous numbers were sung by Mrs. Sam Cochran and Professor Paul Fisher. Adventurous and humorous poetry readings were given by Dr. L. B. Campbell and Miss Nelly Magee. Dr. Campbell is in the Philosophy Department and Miss Magee the Speech Department. Table decorations were executed by Mrs. C. L. Deever.

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ROME—(RNS)—A TEN-FOOT WOOD-en cross containing a relic of the true cross is expected to arrive here shortly from Beyrouth, Lebanon, to be blessed by Pope Pius XII before being brought to Belgium, by way of France. (Editor's Note: We published this for information only. We do not believe that the cross mentioned above contains any part of the original cross.)

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHAP-lains Association will hold its annual meeting on May 21, at 8 a. m. on the fourteenth floor of the Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City. All Chaplains are invited to be present at this breakfast. The price is \$1.50 and tickets may be obtained from Rev. Jack Manning, First Baptist Church, Britton, Oklahoma, or from the Chaplains' booth in Convention Hall. A splendid program has been arranged. Chaplain Charles I. Carpenter, Air Chaplain, Washington, D. C., will be the speaker.

THE REV. W. L. MEADOWS, PAS-tor of First Church, Quitman, has recently returned from a ten-day Revival meeting with Rev. S. L. Walker in the First Baptist Church, Trion, Georgia. During the meeting, it was his privilege to speak over the Radio in morning services from Station WROM, in Rome, Georgia. Sixteen churches in the same Association with Trion were engaged in simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign. (Editor's Note: Pastor Walker is one of the many Mississippians making good in Georgia.)

SEND YOUR MOTHERS DAY OF-fering through Baptist Headquarters and state that it is for the Hospital Mothers Day Fund.

"PURE RELIGION AND UNDEFILED before God and the Father is this, to visit the Fatherless and the widows in their affliction and keep himself unspotted from the world," and one way to meet these requirements is to make a donation in response to the Mothers Day Appeal.

GULFPORT, FIRST—WE HAD A great revival the first week of April with Chester Swor as the speaker. Large crowds attended every service and there were 54 additions, 25 by baptism. One fine young man surrendered his life for special service in the field of church music. Many, many others made steps of consecration, rededication, etc. There were three more additions on Wednesday following the meeting, and we are expecting others Sunday.—JOE T. ODLE, pastor.

DEER CREEK ASSOCIATIONAL wide R. A. Father and Son banquet was held April 19 at the First Church, Greenville. Mr. Lawson Cook, Southwide Brotherhood Secretary, was the guest speaker.

24 ADDED AT WOODLAWN



REV. E. L. DOUGLAS

One of the most successful revivals ever held in the community was experienced during the week of April 17-22 at the Woodlawn Church, Warren Association, Vicksburg.

Rev. E. L. Douglas, Professor of Bible, Mississippi College, was the visiting evangelist. He was assisted in the services by Homer Douglas, Immanuel Baptist Church, LeTourneau, Miss., who was the musical director.

Mr. E. L. Douglas brought inspiring messages on the subjects of Sin, Repentance and Grace. Twenty-four decisions were made during the week. There were two rededications.

Thorough preparation had been made for the Revival. The Pastor and the Congregation had been pointing towards the Revival Services for a period of two months. Much time had been spent in prayer and in personal visitation of the lost in the community.

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RECENT VISITORS TO THE BAP-tist Record Office were: Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Hoff, Florence; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Rev. Noland M. Kennedy and Noland M. Kennedy, Jr., Clinton; Rev. W. W. Miller, Sidon; Dr. Judson Chastain, Poplarville; Conley Bond, Poplarville; Rev. P. F. Herling, Hernando; George Banks, Hernando; Rev. George H. Mosley, Crystal Springs; Bessie Lois Cranford, Collins; Mrs. H. A. Milner, Jackson; Dr. and Mrs. Guy Belamny, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Symonds and Mary Helen, Symonds; Victor C. Johnson, Jackson; Rev. Robert L. Lee, New Orleans; Rev. R. A. Hancock, Clinton; Wendell Gilmore, Union.

REV. JOE T. ODLE, PASTOR OF First Baptist Church, Gulfport, was in a meeting at the Second Baptist Church, West Frankfort, Illinois, the last two weeks in April. There were 29 additions, 22 by baptism. This is the church where Mr. Odle was baptized and ordained, and the meeting was the first to be held in their beautiful new auditorium. Charles Langston, formerly of Alabama, is pastor.



Shown above is the attractive sign which has recently been placed near the Pleasant Valley Church in Simpson County. Rev. Jimmy Yarbrough is the pastor; John Henry Coleman is the Sunday School Superintendent, and Dwight Smith is the Training Union Director.

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Dr. Elliott Writes Easter Message

In his annual Easter letter to the members of the First Church, Greenville, the pastor, Dr. E. D. Elliott, lists many things in the life of the church that cause joy to the pastor and the people. The letter follows:

April 5, 1949

Dear Churchmember:

The Pastor and wife greet this congregation for the fourth time at the Easter season with the message of hope and assurance that comes with this season of the year. Our membership has increased by beyond the 2,000 mark; our attendance at both worship services can be summed up in two words: **Crowded Auditorium.** Our "Youth Revival Hour" is one of the most unique programs on the air, and four young men have been consecrated to preach. Many young people have been consecrated to definite Christian service and the church is becoming known to be evangelistic in spirit, missionary in practice and Bible-directed in its policies.

As the Building Fund offerings come at the usual rate, without any pressure methods being used, we can begin building our church auditorium about this time next year. During the past year the Pastor has had opportunities to go elsewhere but the Holy Spirit and a Deacon board that is 100 per cent with its leadership held him here. A great task still lies ahead, and the church will continue its policy of cooperation with Baptists of like ideals and going forward toward our destiny, as "big sister" to the various churches around us, and as a spiritual body which places its Head, Christ, first. At the moment of writing we are assisting Swiftwater Church, Calvary Church, Chinese Mission and Northside Mission with our gifts, send six hundred dollars to Associational missions, send our monthly check to the Cooperative Program, and last but not least, reach thousands of all races with the message of the Cross with our radio program on Sunday nights.

Pray for us and continue to support our Program which is of the Lord, we are sure.

Sincere in Service,
E. D. ELLIOTT
Pastor

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TENNESSEE EDITOR SAYS NO PUBLICATION DEFICIT

The Baptist Record is glad to print the following explanation from editor O. W. Taylor of the Tennessee Baptist and Reflector concerning the recent report carried in the Baptist Record and several other Southern Baptist state papers.

Dr. Taylor's statement follows:

"Relative to the extremely large allocation to Baptist and Reflector by the Tennessee Baptist Executive Board as recently reported, we beg to advise that the most of this went to purchase of machinery when Baptist and Reflector became incorporated in order to do its own printing. This does not mean that such a large allocation is a permanent thing. There is no set allocation that Baptist and Reflector receives. If there is any so called deficit in the operation of the paper, the State Board takes care of this deficit. Under the new arrangement so far, however, there is no deficit, but we are several hundred dollars to the good."

Editor's Note: The figures used were taken from a report submitted to the Southern Baptist Press Association by a committee which had gathered the figures from reports submitted by the various papers.

Mercer Law School Expanding Program Walter F. George Foundation Seeks One Million Dollars

The Walter F. George School of Law Foundation, Inc., is seeking to raise one million dollars for the Walter F. George School of Law of Mercer University, located at Macon, Georgia. This is to be a living endowment to Senator Walter F. George, a distinguished alumnus of Mercer University.

The Law School, formerly known as the Mercer Law School and one of the oldest in the South, is rapidly expanding its educational program. For many years it has been a member of the Association of American Law Schools and approved by the American Bar Association. Only six Baptist Law Schools have achieved that distinction.

The Law School is not overlooking its obligations to the church and to the public. In a recent article in the *MERCERIAN*, Dean F. Hodge O'Neal stated that the Walter F. George School of Law, "aware of the advantages afforded by its location at a Christian institution, dedicates itself to the following goals.... The implanting in our students of a firm faith in the fundamental tenets of Christianity and Democracy; The inculcation in our student of a social consciousness, a realization that in addition to the duties they owe their clients they owe broader and even more important and compelling duties to the public and to the Kingdom of God."

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MAIN STREET SUNBEAMS TO OBSERVE FOCUS WEEK

The Polly Love Morris Sunbeam Band of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, will observe Focus Week May 8 through 14.

Wednesday night, May 4, at the 7:15 o'clock prayer meeting hour the Sunbeams presented a special Mother's Day program as a fore-runner of the coming weeks activities. The program is under the direction of Mrs. L. E. Ellzey. Mrs. J. C. Boyd, Mrs. Harold Blakeney, Mrs. Carter Gerald, Sunbeam Leaders and Mrs. C. J. Wieringo, pianist.

Sunday, May 8, all Sunbeams with their fathers and mothers will sit in a group in the morning Worship Service. Monday the Sunbeams will meet at the church at 3:15 p. m. Tuesday, May 10, Leaders will visit inactive Sunbeams and other children of the community who are not members of Sunbeams. Wednesday, May 11, Study period will be held at 3:30 o'clock. Stewardship and tithing will be discussed and children will be shown how their money helps State, Home and Foreign missions. Thursday, May 12, Sunbeams are asked to do a good deed for a shut-in or visit a prospect for Sunbeam band and invite them to the meeting, then make a report to their leader.

Friday, May 13, Sunbeams will entertain parents at Hawkins' Park from 5:00 to 7:00 p. m.

Saturday, May 14, Sunbeams meet at church and bring gifts to drop in box to send to Polly Love Morris.

Mrs. H. R. McPhail is President of Missionary Union, Mrs. Ben Sowden is Young People's Leader.



Shown above are: Miss Mary Kate Lowrey (left), Clarksdale, who has been elected editor-in-chief of *The Mountaineer*, Blue Mountain College yearbook, for the session 1949-50, and Miss Betty Hyde, Tupelo, who was chosen business manager.

Single Microphone Will Service Hundred Wire Recorders At Convention Sessions APPLICATIONS FOR SPACE SHOULD BE MADE NOW

ATLANTA, Ga.—(BP)—Except for a novel invention of the Southern Baptist Radio Commission, it probably would be impossible for messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention at Oklahoma City to see their speakers.

That is, the speakers undoubtedly would be buried behind and under a mass of wire recorder microphones—except for this amplifying box perfected by Jack Robertson, Radio Commission technician.

Indications are that between 100 and 200 pastors will bring wire recorders to the Convention for the purpose of transcribing the session's business and inspirational periods for replay back at their home churches. Thirty pastors did so at the Memphis meeting last year when wire recorders were a comparative novelty.

Dr. Sam F. Lowe, director of the Radio Commission, said that provision for wire recorders will be made off the Convention platform, both in the auditorium and at Taft Stadium. A central microphone will be placed on the pulpit stand used by speakers, and the sound will be carried through an amplifier to a special room set aside for wire recorders. Outlets from the amplifier will plug directly into the microphone post of the recorder. The extra sensitive pulpit microphone plus the amplifier will give even better recordings than would be possible through the recorder's own microphone.

Positions on the amplifier board and space for the recorders will be assigned by Dr. Lowe, and a service charge of \$2.50 will be made on each recorder to pay for cost of the special equipment and the technician who will handle it. **RESERVATIONS FOR SPACE SHOULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY, WITH PAYMENT ENCLOSED, TO DR. LOWE AT 1588, PONCE DE LEON AVE., ATLANTA 6, GA.** Numbered cards will be issued entitling the holder to choice recorder space. Low numbered cards will be most sure of space.

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THE BATTLE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY is a battle for the souls of men.

Work Begins This Week On New Wesson Church

Work is beginning this week on the Wesson Church. The brick building, to be built along Gothic lines, will have an auditorium to seat 400 people.

The site of the new church is a 200 by 600 foot lot on Highway 51 just north of town. The property was donated by the late Hardy Wilson of Hazlehurst.

Plans include an assembly room and classrooms adequate for the needs of the Baptist students enrolled at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College in Wesson, where over 300 students are enrolled this session.

Spain and Biggs of Jackson drew plans and specifications. J. Love Ford, contractor, is supervising the construction.

The Rev. W. C. (Bill) Drummond is pastor and R. E. Middleton is chairman of the building committee.

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DR. WILLIAM E. HUNTER

Dr. William E. Hunter, retired Baptist minister died at his home in Aberdeen on March 21, following a long illness. He was 75. The Rev. C. W. Thompson, pastor of the First Church, Aberdeen, officiated at the funeral services.

Dr. Hunter was born near Rienzi, Miss., Dec. 10, 1874, and was educated at Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Dr. Hunter was ordained by Hinkle Creek Baptist Church, Alcorn County, Miss., July 14, 1896. He was pastor at Princeton and Somerset, Ky., churches for 33 years. He has been retired for the past 10 years.

Dr. Hunter married Miss Marguerite Leftwich of Aberdeen, March 1, 1911.

He leaves his wife and three children, Mrs. C. W. Kremer of Dearborn, Mich., George Leftwich Hunter of Knoxville, Tenn., and Marguerite Hunter of Taft, Texas. Two sisters, Mrs. Able Dilworth of Rienzi; two brothers, Tom Henry Miller of Rienzi and John Miller of Booneville, Miss.

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Measured by the results, the Sunday school of the average church, is one of the greatest teaching forces in the land. It is most productive. May the Lord bless an increase in reach and usefulness.—W. R. White in *The Sunday School Builder*.